

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT: (202) 586-4940

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Thursday, March 26, 2009

## Obama Administration Announces Additional \$175,122,300 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in New York

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

**WASHINGTON** – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$175,122,300 for state, county and city efforts in New York. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$517,796,513 in New York weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12<sup>th</sup> and detailed at <u>energy.gov/recovery</u>.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on

government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

"The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America's economy and create jobs at the local level," said Secretary Chu. "The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation's long term clean energy and climate goals."

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

NY	New York Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$175,122,300
NY	New York	State Energy Office	\$29,760,600
NY	Albany	City	\$1,104,000
NY	Amherst	City	\$1,052,700
NY	Babylon	City	\$1,545,200
NY	Binghamton	City	\$204,200
NY	Brookhaven	City	\$4,141,200
NY	Buffalo	City	\$2,736,900
NY	Cheektowaga	City	\$718,800
NY	Clarkstown	City	\$751,300
NY	Clay	City	\$515,100
NY	Clifton Park	City	\$149,200
NY	Colonie	City	\$661,900
NY	Freeport	City	\$173,100
NY	Greece	City	\$831,900
NY	Greenburgh	City	\$186,000
NY	Hamburg	City	\$187,300
NY	Hempstead	City	\$4,577,700
NY	Hempstead	City	\$479,800
NY	Henrietta	City	\$213,700
NY	Huntington	City	\$1,725,200
NY	Irondequoit	City	\$440,000
NY	Islip	City	\$3,026,100
NY	Mount Vernon	City	\$625,700
NY	New Rochelle	City	\$684,600
NY	New York	City	\$80,802,900
NY	Niagara Falls	City	\$498,500
NY	North Hempstead	City	\$892,100

NY	Orangetown	City	\$156,000
NY	Oyster Bay	City	\$2,217,000
NY	Penfield	City	\$145,500
NY	Perinton	City	\$170,800
NY	Poughkeepsie	City	\$184,500
NY	Rochester	City	\$2,199,800
NY	Schenectady	City	\$601,300
NY	Smithtown	City	\$1,064,500
NY	Southampton	City	\$206,600
NY	Syracuse	City	\$1,444,500
NY	Tonawanda	City	\$544,700
NY	Troy	City	\$207,400
NY	Utica	City	\$587,400
NY	Webster	City	\$154,400
NY	West Seneca	City	\$181,100
NY	White Plains	City	\$650,800
NY	Yonkers	City	\$1,823,200
NY	Yorktown	City	\$158,100
NY	Dutchess	County	\$2,328,800
NY	Erie	County	\$2,903,000
NY	Monroe	County	\$2,063,200
NY	Nassau	County	\$3,723,100
NY	Onondaga	County	\$2,459,000
NY	Orange	County	\$3,516,700
NY	Rockland	County	\$749,300
NY	Suffolk	County	\$732,900
NY	Ulster	County	\$754,400
NY	Westchester	County	\$4,508,600

In addition, today's announcement includes funding for the following Tribal governments in the state:

	Name	Allocation
NY	Cayuga Nation of New York	\$50,400
NY	Oneida Nation of New York	\$83,500
NY	Onondaga Nation of New York	\$47,400
NY	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, New York (formerly the St. Regis Band of Mohawk Indians of New York)	\$162,000
NY	Seneca Nation of New York	\$141,600
NY	Tonawanda Band of Seneca Indians of New York	\$26,900
NY	Tuscarora Nation of New York	\$31,300

(NOTE: If a Tribal government spans more than one state, the number above reflects the allocation for the Tribal government as a whole.)

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on <a href="http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\_grants.cfm">http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block\_grants.cfm</a>.

###